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PAYMENT FOR RESERVED BEDS FOR THERAPEUTIC LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 1. Payment for reserved beds will not be made in an acute care facility.
- 2. Payment for therapeutic leave of absence, or reserved beds, may be made in an institution for mental diseases (IMD), a skilled nursing facility (SNF), a nursing facility (NF), an intermediate care facility (ICF), or an ICF for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR), subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The purpose of the therapeutic leave of absence is for rehabilitative home and community visits including preparation for discharge to community living;
 - b. The patient's attending physician authorizes the therapeutic leave of absence and the plan of care provides for such absences;
 - c. An IMD, SNF, NF, ICF, or ICF/MR will be reimbursed their per diem rate for reserving beds for Medicaid recipients who are absent from the facility on therapeutic leave up to a maximum of twentyfour (24) days annually. For this purpose, annually is defined as a calendar year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same year.